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Overview

This act prohibits certain chemicals from being manufactured or sold in children's products or upholstered residential furniture. The prohibition applies to manufacturers as of July 1, 2018, and retailers as of July 1, 2019. The act also prohibits manufacturers from replacing the prohibited chemicals with other chemicals known or suspected to cause certain harm. The act requires the commissioner of health to report to the legislature on fire safety relating to upholstered furniture, mattresses, and carpet pads.

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1 Flame-Retardant Chemicals; Prohibition. Adds § 325F.071.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms.

Subd. 2. Flame-retardant chemicals; prohibition. (a) Lists certain flame-retardant chemicals in amounts greater than 1,000 parts per million in any product component that manufacturers or wholesalers will be prohibited from manufacturing, selling, or distributing for the use in a children's product or upholstered residential furniture on and after July 1, 2018.

(b) Prohibits the same flame-retardant chemicals in amounts greater than 1,000 parts per million in any product component from being sold by retailers in any children's product or upholstered residential furniture on or after July 1, 2019.

(c) Exempts the sale or offer for sale of any previously owned product from the provisions of this section.

Subd. 3. Flame-retardant chemicals; replacement chemicals. Prohibits a manufacturer from replacing a chemical prohibited under this section with certain

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other chemicals known or suspected with a high degree of probability to cause certain harms to persons.

- 2** **Flame retardant reports.** Requires the commissioner of health, in consultation with the state fire marshal, to report to the legislature on, among other things, the status of laws and safety standards relating to upholstered furniture, mattresses, and carpet pads, by January 15, 2016.